

FORM 8-K

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Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: December 27, 2002

MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW JERSEY

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(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

0-422

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(Commission  
File Number)

22-1114430

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(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

1500 RONSON ROAD, P.O. BOX 1500, ISELIN, NEW JERSEY 08830

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(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(732)-634-1500

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item. 5. Other Events

Annette Catino, President and Chief Executive Officer of QualCare, Inc., of Piscataway, New Jersey, has been elected a Director of the Company, effective January 1, 2003.

J. Richard Tompkins will retire as Chief Executive Officer of the Company on December 31, 2002. He will retain the Title of Chairman of the Board.

Dennis G. Sullivan, President, has been designated Chief Executive Officer effective January 1, 2003.

Ronald J. Williams has been designated Chief Operating Officer effective January 1, 2003.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf of the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY

(Registrant)

/s/ Marion F. Reynolds

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Marion F. Reynolds  
Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

Dated: December 27, 2002